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March 14, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated **February 15, 2002**, enclosed for filing the substitute specification which includes the claims commencing on a separate sheets, as required under 37 CFR §1.75(h), which add no new matter.

Also, please note that claims 1-17 have been canceled by item 17 b of the Utility Patent Application transmittal filed on January 10, 2002.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

• The Claim(s) commencing on a separate sheet (37 CFR 1.75(h)).

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